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## Community Engagement Hosts Martin Luther King, Jr Creative Speech Competition

Area high-school students are invited to compete for cash prizes in a speech contest honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

MORRIS, Minnesota (November 27, 2017)—In preparation for the University of Minnesota, Morris Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, the Office of Community Engagement again challenges local high-school students to think critically about the contributions Martin Luther King, Jr. made and what he might be working on were he alive today.

Students are invited to respond to the question “If Martin Luther King, Jr. were alive today, what would he be working on in 2018?” in any original, creative written- or spoken-word format (essay, poem, speech, song, etc). The contest is open to all students who attend school or live in Stevens County in grades 7–12.

Submissions are to be:

- 5–7 minutes in length
- original works
- written or spoken word
- appropriate for all audiences

Limit of one submission per person. Please submit your speech/poem by Sunday, January 7, to [engagmnt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:engagmnt@morris.umn.edu). Include “Martin Luther King Day Contest” in the subject line. A complete list of guidelines can be found at [z.umn.edu/MLKDaySpeech2018](http://z.umn.edu/MLKDaySpeech2018).

Review will be done by a committee of community leaders. The first-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$150 and will be invited to deliver their speech at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 15, 5 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church (108 W 8th St, Morris, MN 56267). Second- and third-place participants will receive \$50. Winners will be notified by Friday, January 12. The prizes are sponsored by Lazos and Morris Area PFLAG.

Please direct all questions to [engagmnt@morris.umn.edu](mailto:engagmnt@morris.umn.edu).